

PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD
Heber Wells Building 160 E 300 S
Room 474 8:30 a.m.
January 3, 2007
MINUTES

MEETING CONVENED AT: 8:43 A.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 10:35 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Dudley, *Chairperson*
David Told
Ed Gongaware
David Halverson
Gloria Miley

DOPL STAFF: Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*
Wayne Holman, *Investigations*
Katie Tris, *Board Secretary*

VISITORS: Trina Hansen, *Ogden-Weber Applied Tech. College*
Doug Leon, *Davis Applied Tech. College*
Dale Olson, *Utah Valley State College*
Will Pierce, *Salt Lake Community College*
Vern Petersen, *International Code Council*
Lori Stewart, *Mountain Land Applied Tech. College*
Jerry Taylor, *UPHCA*
John Walker, *UPHCA*

MINUTES: Robert Dudley, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

The December 6, 2006 minutes were presented for approval. The presented minutes failed to mention the board's letter to the state legislature that supported and suggested an amendment to the pending legislation for the master license classification. David Halverson made a motion to accept the December minutes with a correction that the board's letter to the state legislature be added to the minutes. Gloria Miley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the corrected minutes.

**UPDATE ON
MASTER PLUMBER:**

Halverson reported on the pending legislation for the master plumber license classification.

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Halverson said, after seeing the latest draft of the bill just that morning, he realized the board's suggested changes were not included. Prior to the board's meeting, he had been on the phone with the bill's sponsor Senator Scott Jenkins and had faxed him a copy of the board's letter. Jenkins indicated he didn't see a problem incorporating those changes into the bill.

Halverson stated both the board and industry are in support of the bill. Dudley asked Dennis Meservy to discuss the board's letter to the legislature. Meservy said the statistics discussed by the board in the last meeting indicated that fifty percent of new businesses fail within the first two years and eighty percent fail within the first five years. These figures are often quoted, but cannot be substantiated. He ended up using statistics in the letter that were obtained from the *Office of Advocacy, United States Small Business Administration in Washington D.C.* According to their information, *33% of businesses fail within the first two years and 56% fail within the first four years.* The board expressed that even these statistics were very concerning and were from an agency that promoted business. The master license classification is an effort to give a plumbing contractor the necessary tools to succeed in business.

DISCUSS A REVIEW OF TEST BANK QUESTIONS FROM THOMSON PROMETRIC

The board discussed a review of Thomson Prometric's test questions for the written exam. It appears it has been over two years since the board reviewed the test questions and according to Halverson they only reviewed the questions pertaining to the International Plumbing Code.

Will Pierce was concerned about fuel gas questions on the test. This was based on information from his students and other apprenticeship schools. There were differences in the Questar Fuel Gas Code and the International Fuel Gas Code and depending on how a question was calculated there could be two answers.

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Halverson made a motion to have a review of the following sections of the Utah Plumbing test from industry and board members:

General Knowledge

Isometric Analysis

Fuel Gas

Septic Tanks

Indirect Waste

David Told seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

The board also wanted to also make sure Thomson Prometric would be testing to the 2006 IPC on August 1, 2007

MISCELLANEOUS:

Pierce said there would be a subcommittee meeting to discuss the needs of industry and to make sure the state schools were all teaching the same thing.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Board reviewed out of state applications.

All business concluded, meeting adjourned.

Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.

Board Chairperson Signature

Date

Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager Signature

Date